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LE-HI-HO will meet on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 PM in the Fireplace Room of the Unitarian Church of the Lehigh Valley, 701 Lechauweki Ave., Bethlehem (Fountain Hill section). The church is located two blocks south of 1500 Broadway. We will have a speaker from the Bi-City Health Bureau, who will present an informative slide program and talk on VD. We currently have 8 candidates for the 7 slots on our Board of Directors, with elections on Dec. 7 (no fourth Sunday meeting). Anyone interested in running may still declare at the Nov. meeting. A special meeting concerning the new By-Laws will be held on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 2 PM at 1737 Schoenersville Rd., Bethlehem (near Westgate Mall). This is for anyone interested in having a say on what the new By-Laws will be like; it's your only chance for input.

Our Nov. 8 theatre trip to NYC is cancelled due to lack of interest. We like to provide some social events, but what do you want? Give us some realistic ideas. Enclosed for some of you is a flyer concerning a proposed U.S. postage stamp designed by the Art Alliance of our neighboring group, the Berks County G.C.S. We urge you to support this worthwhile project.

The media have played up Gov. Shapp's veto of the discriminatory Senate Bill No. 196 a great deal, but since the bill passed so overwhelmingly in both houses, an override of the veto appears likely. The Houses will not be in session again until Nov. 17, which gives us valuable time to contact our local representatives and senators and enlighten them that this is a civil rights issue and nothing else. The group will do all it can, contacting them all by mail and, hopefully, in person, but individual voices need to heard, too. The Attorney General declared the bill unconstitutional, and Shapp called it the worst-written bill he had received in his five years as Governor; are you going to let your rights be taken away from you without a struggle? We have all the necessary names, districts and addresses; or, check your public library.

One result of the Oct. 18 Harrisburg conference was the addition of two more members from the rural areas (i.e. other than Philadelphia and Pittsburg) to the Governor's Task Force on Sexual Minorities. The second meeting of a Rural Caucus is scheduled for Nov. 1 in Lancaster, with representation from LE-HI-HO and groups from Harrisburg, Lancaster, Reading and Wilkes-Barre.

Mark Segal's Philadelphia Gay Raiders has been undertaking a survey of U.S. Governors on the issue of gay rights. Gov. Shapp's executive order to end gay discrimination was the impetus for the survey, with all governors urged to enact similar directives. Of the thirteen replies received so far, nine were seen as positive, three as non-committal, and only one (from American Samoa) as "somewhat hostile". Mark Segal, incidentally, will be the featured speaker at our January meeting.

New books in our Library: Different: An Anthology of Homosexual Short Stories ed. by Stephen Wright. Over 20 stories, some of them real gems, by Guy de Maupassant, Gore Vidal, D.H. Lawrence, Oscar Wilde, Christopher Isherwood, Henry James and others. Challenge by Vita Sackville-West. Romantic novel based on author's real-life love affair with Violet Keppel. Crimes Without Victims: Deviant Behavior and Public Policy by Edwin Schur. Treats abortion, prostitution and homosexuality. Out of the Closets: Voices of Gay Liberation ed. by Karla Jay and Allen Young. Anthology of essays; includes one by Laura Hobson's (Consenting Adult) son Christopher on psychotherapy.